

F.No. P. 13023/03/MDRC-Exp. Committee
Govt. of India
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
(Agriculture Marketing Division)

Room No 355, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated: 12th March, 2024

OFFICE ORDER

Subject: Constitution of a "Steering Committee" to promote "ease of doing agri-trade".

An Expert Committee constituted on 21st April 2023 by Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Gol has made various recommendations. Many of the recommendations weaved around constitution of a "Steering Committee" to holistically promote "ease of doing agri-trade" through adoption of reforms for seamless agri. trade and its movement across the country, use of digitization in agricultural trade and warehouse -based trade via eNWR through e-trading platforms, etc.

2. Therefore, in order to promote "ease of doing agri-trade" as aforesaid with the overall objective to provide an accessible, transparent market with remunerative prices to the farmers, it is hereby constituted a "Steering Committee" with following composition:

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| 1. Additional Secretary (Marketing),DA&FW | Chairperson |
| 2. Managing Director, SFAC | Member |
| 3. Representative of DFPD not below the rank of JS as
nominated by its Secretary. | Member |
| 4. Representative of WDRA not below the rank of JS as
nominated by its Chairperson. | Member |
| 5. Principal Secretary/ Secretary , in-charge of agriculture
marketing of Haryana, U.P., Rajasthan, M.P., Maharashtra,
Gujarat, Bihar, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Assam
as nominated by Chief Secretary of respective State. | Members |
| 6. Advisor (Agriculture Marketing), DA&FW, Gol. | Member |
| 7. Director (Agriculture Marketing), DA&FW, Gol. | Member |
| 8. Dr. S.K. Singh, Dy.AMA, DA&FW, Gol. | Member
Secretary |
3. Chairperson may co-opt Principal Secretary/ Secretary, in-charge of agriculture marketing of other State(s)/UT (s) as special invitee member, as may be necessary.
4. Chairperson may co-opt experts/ professionals as special invitee, as may be necessary.
5. The Committee will be serviced by Agriculture Marketing Division of DA&FW.
6. The Steering Committee will hold regular meetings as decided by its Chairperson.

7. Terms of Reference:

- (i) To push the provisioning of declaration of warehouses as deemed market-yards/ sub-market yards in the APMC Acts/ rules and regularly monitor and review the progress of actual declaration /notification made on the ground.

- (ii) To identify the needed amendments in States' APMC Acts with reference to reciprocity of trading licenses, inter-state dispute settlement mechanism and such other reforms to provide the facilitative legal framework for inter-state trade of eNWR and trade on eNAM beyond APMC markets.
- (iii) To promote registration of private warehouses with WDRA.
- (iv) To work out modalities for warehouse based secondary trade.
- (v) To work out a well-coordinated outreach and publicity plan.
- (vi) Any other matter, which Chairperson and Committee consider relevant.


12/03/24
(Kapil Ashok Bendre)
Director (Agriculture Marketing)

Distribution:

1. The Managing Director, Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC), New Delhi.
2. The Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Gol with the request to kindly nominate a Joint Secretary concerned with the subject, as a Member of the Committee.
3. The Chairperson, WDRA with the request to kindly nominate a Joint Secretary concerned with the subject, as a Member of the Committee.
4. The Chief Secretaries of States of Haryana, U.P., Rajasthan, M.P., Maharashtra, Gujarat, Bihar, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Assam with the request to kindly nominate Principal Secretary/ Secretary, in-charge of agriculture marketing of the concerned State, as Member of the Committee.
5. The Adviser (Agriculture Marketing), DA&FW, Gol.
6. The Director of Agriculture Marketing, DA&FW, Gol.
7. Dr.S.K. Singh, Dy. Agriculture Marketing Adviser, DA&FW, Gol.

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1. PPS to Secretary, DA&FW, Gol for favour of information.
2. PPS to Additional Secretary (Marketing), DA&FW, Gol.
3. Jt.AMA,DMI, Head Office, Faridabad.